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SUBJECT: SOVIET ACTIVITIES ON NILE'S HEADWATERS

1. MAY 13 AKHBAR-AL-YOM REPORTS EGYPTIAN AND SUDANESE
MINISTRIES OF IRRIGATION EXTREMELY CONCERNED OVER SOVIET
ACTIVITIES AROUND NILE HEADWATERS IN ETHIOPIA. SOVIET
UNION SAID TO BE STUDYING PROJECTS CONNECTED WITH LAKE
TANA, WHICH "SUPPLIES 85 PERCENT OF NILE WATER."
UNNAMED OBSERVER QUOTED AS SAYING SOVIET GOAL IS TO
CREATE CONTROVERSY BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND HER NEIGHBORS
OVER QUESTION OF QUOTAS ESTABLISHED 100 YEARS AGO.
EGYPT, SUDAN, RWANDA, ZAIRE, BURUNDI, KENYA AND UGANDA
REPORTEDLY CONSULTING IN EFFORT ENCOURAGE ETHIOPIA TO
JOIN NILE BASIN ORGANIZATION.

2. SEPARATELY, ALL PAPERS REPORT PM SALEM'S DENUNCIA-
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TION OF EFFORT SUBVERT EGYPTIAN SOCIAL PEACE. SALEM
SAID THIS BEING CARRIED OUT BY "RENEGADES AGAINST ISLAM"
ACTING AT BEHEST SAME COUNTRY WHICH HAS REFUSED PROVIDE
EGYPT WITH ARMS (READ USSR).

3. COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST PUBLIC SUGGESTION WE HAVE "
SEEN CONCERNING POSSIBLE SOVIET MACHINATIONS WITH NILE

WATERS. PRIVATELY, EGYPTIAN LEADERS HAVE CONSISTENTLY
EXPRESSED THIS FEAR. EILTS

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